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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RADIO PATHET LAO

1. WE HAVE BEEN EMPHASIZING STRONGLY IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PATHET LAO OFFICIALS, COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS THAT WE BELIEVE HOSTILE PROPAGANDA BROADCAST OVER RADIO PATHET LAO (RPL) IS NEITHER CONDUCTIVE TO THE PGNU GOAL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION NOR TO ITS GOAL OF ENLISTING BROAD FOREIGN SUPPORT IN RECONSTRUCTING LAOS.

2. WE FOLLOW THE VALUABLE FBIS ACCOUNTS OF RPL BROADCASTS CLOSELY ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT SUBJECT THESE ACCOUNTS TO RIGOROUS ANALYSIS, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE TONE AND VOLUME OF ANTI-AMERICAN MATERIAL HAVE MARKEDLY DECLINED SINCE THE PRIME MINISTER'S HEART ATTACK JULY 12, OR PERHAPS SINCE A SHORT TIME BEFORE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE PERCEIVED NO REDUCTION IN RPL ATTACKS ON THE VIENTIANE SIDE IN GENERAL AND DEFENSE MINISTER SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK IN PARTICULAR.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US IF WASHINGTON ANALYSTS WHO FOLLOW RPT COULD PROVIDE A BRIEF BUT SYSTEMATIC "CONTENT-ANALYSIS" STUDY OF ITS ANTI-US AND ANTI-VIENTIANE SIDE
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PROPAGANDA OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS. WE WOULD BE

GRATEFUL IF SUCH A STUDY COULD BE PROVIDED BY CABLE IN
THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.
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